

## PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

# Saskatchewan's Wall Keeps Place as Best Rated Canadian Premier

*Five of the nine premiers included in the survey have a disapproval rating of more than 60 per cent.*

[OTTAWA – Apr. 8, 2013] – Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall is still the most popular provincial head of government in Canada, following a first quarter of 2013 that brought drastic drops in Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

The online survey of a representative national sample of 7,091 Canadian adults asked respondents in nine provinces about the performance of their respective heads of government as well as the leaders of provincial opposition parties.

Saskatchewan is the only province where a majority of respondents (64%) are satisfied with the performance of the premier. Wall's rating has consistently surpassed the 60 per cent mark.

The second-ranked head of government this time around is David Alward, who saw his standing increase in New Brunswick by six points to 41 per cent. Only two other premiers receive a positive assessment from more than a third of their constituents: Manitoba's Greg Selinger (38%) and Ontario's Kathleen Wynne (36%).

Quebec's Pauline Marois saw her numbers drop by eight points (33%), while only three-in-ten Nova Scotians (30%) approve of the performance of Darrell Dexter. Alison Redford's rating in Alberta plummeted by 18 points (from 47% in December 2012 to 29%). In British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador, Christy Clark and Kathy Dunderdale each hold an approval rating of 25 per cent.

## KEY FINDINGS

- **Best Approval Ratings: Wall (SK) 64%, Alward (NB) 41%, Selinger (MB) 38%, Wynne (ON) 36%**
- **Worst Approval Ratings: Dexter (NS) 30%, Redford (AB) 29%, Clark (BC) 25%, Dunderdale (NL) 25%**

Full topline results are at the end of this release.

*From March 11 to March 23, 2013, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 7,091 randomly selected Canadian adults who are Angus Reid Forum panelists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 1.2%, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of Canada. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.*

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## The Opposition

Practically half of British Columbians (49%) approve of the performance of New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Adrian Dix, while the numbers are lower for Green Party leader Jane Sterk (32%) and BC Conservative leader John Cummins (20%). In Alberta, Wildrose Party leader Danielle Smith holds the highest rating (53%), with a third of respondents expressing a positive view of NDP leader Brian Mason (34%) and Liberal leader Raj Sherman (also 34%).

In Saskatchewan, the approval rating for incoming NDP leader Cam Broten is 32 per cent, while Green Party leader Victor Lau checks in at 15 per cent. Manitoba's Progressive Conservative leader Brian Pallister holds a higher rating (45%) than Liberal leader Jon Gerrard (31%).

Ontario's Andrea Horwath (49%) outranks Progressive Conservative Party leader Tim Hudak (33%), while Coalition Avenir Québec leader François Legault (46%) held higher numbers than Liberal Party of Quebec interim leader Jean-Marc Fournier (35%) and Québec solidaire spokesperson Amir Khadir (28%).

The two opposition party leaders in New Brunswick have similar numbers (Liberal Brian Gallant at 41%, the NDP's Dominic Cardy at 37%). In Nova Scotia, the highest ranked leader is Liberal Stephen McNeil (48%), followed by Progressive Conservative Jamie Baillie (36%). Newfoundland and Labrador is home to the most popular opposition figure in the country: the NDP's Lorraine Michael (61%), with Liberal Party leader Dwight Ball a distant second (41%).

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Provincial Governments			
Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of each of the following people?			
	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
<b>Saskatchewan:</b> Premier and Saskatchewan Party leader Brad Wall	64%	28%	8%
<b>New Brunswick:</b> Premier and Progressive Conservative leader David Alward	41%	50%	9%
<b>Manitoba:</b> Premier and New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Greg Selinger	38%	49%	12%
<b>Ontario:</b> Premier and Liberal Party leader Kathleen Wynne	36%	37%	27%
<b>Quebec:</b> Premier and Parti Québécois leader Pauline Marois	33%	62%	4%
<b>Nova Scotia:</b> Premier and New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Darrell Dexter	30%	62%	7%
<b>Alberta:</b> Premier and Progressive Conservative leader Alison Redford	29%	66%	6%
<b>British Columbia:</b> Premier and BC Liberals leader Christy Clark	25%	67%	8%
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador:</b> Premier and Progressive Conservative Party leader Kathy Dunderdale	25%	73%	3%

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<b>Manitoba:</b> Premier and New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Greg Selinger	38%	46%	48%
<b>Ontario:</b> Premier and Liberal Party leader Kathleen Wynne	36%	23% (**)	32% (**)
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(\*) Rating of Premier Jean Charest

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<b>Alberta:</b> Wildrose Party leader Danielle Smith	53%	37%	10%
<b>Ontario:</b> New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Andrea Horwath	49%	32%	19%
<b>British Columbia:</b> New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Adrian Dix	49%	40%	11%
<b>Nova Scotia:</b> Liberal Party leader Stephen McNeil	48%	34%	18%
<b>Quebec:</b> Coalition Avenir Québec leader François Legault	46%	42%	12%
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**Note:** The leader featured on this page is the one with the highest approval rating of all opposition parties registered in the province.

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### Provincial Political Leaders

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British Columbia	New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Adrian Dix	49%	40%	11%
	Green Party leader Jane Sterk	32%	24%	44%
	Premier and BC Liberals leader Christy Clark	25%	67%	8%
	BC Conservative Party leader John Cummins	20%	49%	31%
Alberta	Wildrose Party leader Danielle Smith	53%	37%	10%
	New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Brian Mason	34%	41%	24%
	Liberal Party leader Raj Sherman	34%	45%	21%
	Premier and Progressive Conservative leader Alison Redford	29%	66%	6%
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	Green Party leader Victor Lau	15%	27%	58%
Manitoba	Progressive Conservative leader Brian Pallister	45%	33%	22%
	Premier and New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Greg Selinger	38%	49%	12%
	Liberal Party leader Jon Gerrard	31%	43%	26%
Ontario	New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Andrea Horwath	49%	32%	19%
	Premier and Liberal Party leader Kathleen Wynne	36%	37%	27%
	Progressive Conservative Party leader Tim Hudak	33%	50%	17%
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